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Applicants: Thomas J. McLaughlin et al. )  
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Serial No.: 09/758,924 )  
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Filing Date: January 11, 2001 )  
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For: A NETWORK COMMUNICATION SYSTEM )

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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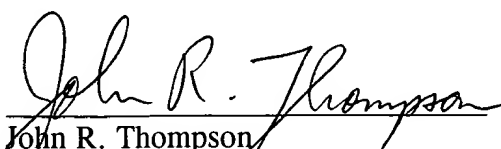
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